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I hereby certify that this correspondence, and any documents referred to as enclosed herein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Certificate of Correction Branch, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this 13th day of August, 2002.

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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 254

The Assignee of record in the above-referenced patent, Sash Controls, Inc., by virtue of an assignment recorded at Reel 8404, Frame 0531, hereby requests that a Certificate of Correction be issued for U.S. Patent No. 5,820,170 under 35 U.S.C. § 254 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.322. Please insert the language that appears in the enclosed Certificate of Correction.

U.S. Patent No. 4,643,005 to Logas was considered by the Examiner as evidenced by the enclosed copy of an Office Action, which was mailed on August 20, 1997, (Part of Paper No. 2), and was inadvertently omitted by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office from the cover sheet of the patent. Correction is respectfully requested. Because this mistake was on the part of the Office, Assignee respectfully submits that no fee is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322.

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If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Assignee's undersigned representative at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claim 6 recites the limitation "the upper hole and lower hole". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 3. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,643,065 to Logas.

In reference to claims 1-2, Logas discloses a multi-point sliding door latch comprising: a unitary hollow housing; a pair of vertically spaced upper and lower hooks each mounted in the housing for movement between a retracted, unlatched position within the hollow of the housing and an extended, latched position extending out of the hollow of the housing; a actuator means positioned in the housing intermediate the upper and lower hooks, and operative in response to turning movement of a tail member to move the upper and lower hooks in unison between their unlatched and latched positions; and the hooks are pivotally mounted in the housing.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:
 - (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 5. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 4,643,065 to Logas in view of U.S. Pat. No. 1,716,113 to Carlson.

In reference to claims 5-6, Logas discloses all of the applicant's claimed limitations except for a sidewall having upper and lower openings wherein the upper hole is positioned vertically between the actuator means and the upper hook and the lower hole is positioned vertically between the actuator means and the lower hook. Carlson discloses a housing having a sidewall having upper and lower openings for a fastener 35 wherein the upper hole is positioned vertically between the actuator means and the upper hook and the lower hole is positioned vertically between the actuator means and the lower hook. It is well known in the art to place fastener holes between the hook and actuating members of a locking mechanism, and it would have been obvious to place the upper and lower holes in the sidewall of Logas as taught by Carlson in order to mount the housing to the stile.

6. Claims 1-4, 7, and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 3,413,025 to Sperry in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,643,065 to Logas.

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In reference to claims 1-4, 7, and 10, Sperry discloses a multi-point sliding door latch comprising: a unitary hollow housing; a pair of vertically spaced upper and lower hooks each mounted in the housing for movement between a retracted, unlatched position within the hollow of the housing and an extended, latched position extending out of the hollow of the housing;/a actuator means positioned in the housing intermediate the upper and lower hooks, and operative in response to turning movement of a tail member to move the upper and lower hooks in unison between their unlatched and latched positions; the actuator means comprises upper and lower actuators positioned in vertically spaced side-by-side relation in the housing and each pivotally mounted in the housing, and the actuators are ganged together by a gang link so that pivotal movement of one actuator generates corresponding pivotal movement of the other actuator; the latch further includes an upper link interconnecting the upper actuator and the upper hook and a lower link interconnecting the lower actuator and the lower hook; Sperry fails to disclose the hooks are pivotally mounted in the housing; the hooks move in opposite directions about their respective pivot axes, and each are pivotally mounted in the housing for movement between a retracted, unlatched position within the hollow of the housing and an extended, latched position extending out of the hollow of the housing.

7. Claims 11-12 and 14-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 3,413,025 to Sperry in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,643,065 to Logas, and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 3,162,472 to Rust.

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In reference to claims 11-12 and 14-18, Sperry ,as modified, discloses all of the applicant's claimed limitations except for a handle assembly including an escutcheon plate adapted to be mounted on the stile of the door, a handle mounted on the escutcheon plate, a latch actuator device mounted on the escutcheon plate and including a tail member adapted to extend through an aperture in the stile for receipt by the actuator member, and upper and lower fastener members extending through upper and lower holes in the escutcheon plate, through the stile, and through the upper and lower holes in the housing sidewall. Rust discloses a latch having a handle assembly including an escutcheon plate adapted to be mounted on the stile of the door, a handle 22 mounted on the escutcheon plate, a latch actuator device mounted on the escutcheon plate 12 and including a tail member 11 adapted to extend through an aperture in the stile for receipt by the actuator member, and upper and lower fastener 23 members extending through upper and lower holes in 5 the escutcheon plate, through the stile, and through the upper and lower holes in the housing sidewall. It would have been obvious to utilize the handle assembly taught by Rust on the latch assembly of Sperry in order to provide an assembly for a sliding glass door.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 8-9 and 13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Art Unit:

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The list of prior art contain methods of constructing latch assemblies.

U.S Pat. No. 4,973,091 to Paulson et. al.

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Black ink. Color.	Words do not appear on a horizontal, left-to-right fashion when
Not black solid lines. Fig(s)	page is either upright or turned so that the top becomes the right
Color drawings are not acceptable until petition is granted.	side, except for graphs. Fig(s)
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Photographs are not acceptable until petition is granted.	when drawing is reduced in size to two-thirds in reproduction.
Fig(s)	Fig(s)
Photographs not properly mounted (must use brystol board or	Indication such as "actual size" or scale 1/2" not permitted.
photographic double-weight paper). Fig(s)	Fig(s)
Poor quality (half-tone). Fig(s)	10. CHARACTER OF LINES, NUMBERS, & LETTERS. 37 CFR
3. GRAPHIC FORMS. 37 CFR 1.84 (d)	1.84(1)
Chemical or mathematical formula not labeled as separate figure. Fig(s)	Lines, numbers & letters not uniformly thick and well defined,
Group of waveforms not presented as a single figure, using	clean, durable, and black (except for color drawings).
common vertical axis with time extending along horizontal axis.	Fig(s)
Fig(s)	11. SHADING. 37 CFR 1.84(m)
Individuals waveform not identified with a separate letter	Solid black shading areas not permitted.
designation adjacent to the vertical axis. Fig(s)	Fig(s)
4. TYPE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(c)	Shade lines, pale, rough and blurred. Fig(s)
Paper not flexible, strong, white, smooth, nonshiny, and durable.	12. NUMBERS, LETTERS, & REFERENCE CHARACTERS. 37 CFR
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Erasures, alterations, overwritings, interlineations, cracks, creases,	Numbers and reference characters not plain and legible. 37 CFR
and folds copy machine marks not accepted. Fig(s)	1.84(p)(1) Fig(s)
5. SIZE OF PAPER. 37 CFR 1.84(f): Acceptable sizes:	Numbers and reference characters not oriented in same direction
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21.6 cm. by 33.1 cm. (8 1/2 by 13 inches)	English alphabet not used. 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2)
21.6 cm. by 27.9 cm. (8 1/2 by 11 inches)	Fig(s)
21.0 cm. by 29.7 cm. (DIN size A4)	Numbers, letters, and reference characters do not measure at least
All drawing sheets not the same size. Sheet(s)	.32 cm. (1/8 inch) in height. 37 CFR(p)(3)
Drawing sheet not an acceptable size. Sheet(s)	Fig(s)
6. MARGINS. 37 CFR 1.84(g): Acceptable margins:	13. LEAD LINES. 37 CFR 1.84(q)
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T 5.1 cm. (2") 2.5 cm. (1") 2.5 cm. (1") 2.5 cm.	Sheets not numbered consecutively, and in Arabic numerals, beginning with number 1. Sheet(s)
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